



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Albert Balagso

**SUBJECT: FUNDING OF TRAIL PROJECTS**

**DATE:** May 26, 2006

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Approved /s/ Date 05/26/06

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## **BACKGROUND**

During the Capital Budget Study Session on the Neighborhood Services CSA on May 19, 2006, Councilmember Reed requested clarification regarding the stated scope of work for the amount of funds indicated for the trail projects on page V-291 of the Proposed 2006-2007 Capital Budget.

## **ANALYSIS**

The trail information on page V – 291 did not provide a thorough description of the trail projects, and in a couple of cases, did not specify the trail construction that would be supported by the grant. The table below lists the projects with the project descriptions as they appeared on page V-291 of the Proposed 2006-2007 Capital Budget, and recommended revised descriptions. Necessary revisions will be reflected in the Adopted 2006-2007 Capital Budget and 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Program.

### **Federal Transportation Funds (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – SAFETEA)**

<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Lower Guadalupe River Trail (Reach A to E: Highway 880 to Gold Street)	Design 6 mile trail to include safety enhancements and improvements.  <i>Revised Description: Design 6 mile trail to include safety enhancements and improvements and construction of an approximately 4-mile segment of the trail.</i>	\$6,400,000
Coyote Creek Trail (Highway 237 to Story Road)	Master plan and design of a 9.8 mile trail including safety enhancements and improvements.	\$4,000,000
<i>Revised Project Name: Coyote Creek Trail (Montague Expressway to Story Road)</i>	<i>Revised Description: Master plan and partial construction* of a 6 mile trail segment from Montague Expressway to Highway 101.</i>	

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<u>Project</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bay Trail (Reach 9: Gold Street to San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail)	Study geotechnical issues for planning and design elements.	\$800,000
	<i>Revised Description: Environmental studies and design of a trail, pedestrian bridge (as defined by a recently completed Feasibility Study) and under-crossings to link the Bay Trail to the recently planned Lower Guadalupe River Trail System.</i>	

- \* Until a master plan of the Coyote Creek trail is completed and associated environmental mitigations, if necessary, are defined, it is not possible to accurately project how many miles of trails may be built with the SAFETEA Funds. However, recent cost estimates for similar trail projects suggest that \$2,000,000 per mile is required. The trail system is approximately 6 miles in length so available federal funds would only pay for about 30% of the project.

#### **Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (20% Program)**

<u>Project</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Willow Glen Spur Line Acquisition –Phase I	Property acquisition for trail right of way.	\$1,000,000
	<i>Revised Description: Acquisition of right of way for approximately 2.85 mile of former railway properties.</i>	
Los Gatos Creek Trail (Reach 4: Auzerais to Santa Clara Street)	Trail construction.	\$3,400,000
<i>Revised Project Name: Los Gatos Creek Trail (Reach 4: Lonus Street to Auzerais Avenue)</i>	<i>Revised Description: Construction of approximately 1 mile of trail from Lonus Street to Auzerais Avenue, including a trail under crossing at Highway 101 and mitigation planting.</i>	
Los Gatos Creek Trail (Reach 5: Lincoln to Auzerais Avenue)	Environmental planning, right of way acquisition, design and construction documents.	\$5,620,000
<i>Revised Project Name: Los Gatos Creek Trail (Reach 5: Auzerais Avenue to Santa Clara Street)</i>	<i>Revised Description: Environmental planning, right of way acquisition, design and construction documents for a 1 mile trail segment from Auzerais Avenue to Santa Clara Street.</i>	

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